



**The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)**  
**The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)**  
**The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)**

**10:00am**

**MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET HEARING - MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 10:05am.**  
**Following the roll call, all members were present.**

**Interim City Manager Ruth C. Jones gave an introduction regarding the purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing regarding the Millage Rate and the Budget. She then introduced CFO Frank Milazi to offer a presentation.**

- **Millage Rate & Budget Presentation**

Following the presentations, the Mayor and Council had a question and answer period with staff regarding various Budget appropriations.

- Public Hearing

The following citizens offered public comment:

- 1) **Mr. Jamar Bryant**: concerning documents discussed by the City Council and the documents passed out to the public being different, getting the City up and running, and support for the Council Aide positions.
- 2) **Ms. Glenda Collins**: concerning how long we must adhere to the IGA with Fulton County to include the actual cost figures along with a breakdown, and paying for the unfunded benefits for Fulton County employees that the City should not have to pay.
- 3) **Mr. Arnold A. Jiggetts**: concerning the two sides on the issue of the Council Aides, and starting now to become the greatest City.
- 4) **Mr. Calvin Bennett**: concerning the past presentation from Fulton County regarding capital improvements, having the Communications person to put-out correct information to the public, and budget concerns with the games played by Fulton County.
- 5) **Ms. Cynthia Ross**: concerning the increased millage rate imposed by Fulton County, and unpaid leave costs being charged to the City for the employees that separate their employment.
- 6) **Ms. Ella J. Ward**: declined her right to speak

At the conclusion of the public comment period, Mayor Pro Tem Rowell asked the City Manager to respond to the questions/concerns raised by the speakers.

**Mayor Edwards made closing comments regarding some of the issues and concerns that were raised, then he allowed Councilmembers the opportunity to give remarks.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to recess for a Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.**

**Following debate on the motion, the Executive Session began at 11:24am.**

**Following the Executive Session regarding Personnel, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to close the Executive Session regarding Personnel whereupon no action was taken. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. The Executive Session was closed at 12:14pm.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember khalid to reallocate/move \$75,000.00 from Economic Development (membership with Connect South Fulton) and \$234,000.00 from Parks and Recreation, as recommended by the City Manager. Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmember Willis voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 5-2-0.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember khalid to direct the Interim City Manager and the Finance Director to find the funds for a Budget Manager position. Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmember Willis voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 5-2-0.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to move the previous question. Hearing no objections, the motion to move the previous question passed, 7-0-0.**

**CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**  
**South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 10:00am**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker to approve Budgetary Controls for the Mayor and City Council to be funded for FY2018. The maker of the motion decided to hold the motion.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.**



# **DIVIDER SHEET**



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**The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)**

**6:00pm**

**MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET HEARING - MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 6:02pm.**  
**Following the roll call, a quorum was present.**

**Interim City Manager Ruth C. Jones gave an introduction regarding the purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing regarding the Millage Rate and the Budget. She then introduced CFO Frank Milazi to offer a presentation.**

- **Millage Rate & Budget Presentation**
- **Public Hearing**

Following the presentations, the following citizens offered public comment:

- 1) **Ms. Damita Chatman**: concerning the Budget and paying for the Council Aide positions, and her preference of putting funds towards Police and Parks & Recreation.
- 2) **Pennon Lockhart**: concerning millage rate & budget increases which he opposes, and operating within our means as a start-up.
- 3) **Ms. Daphne Jordan**: concerning the 5-2 vote regarding a reduction in Parks & Recreation to hire personal assistants for the City Council, and warning the City Council of the possibility of a Recall.
- 4) **Ms. Tiffany Knighton**: concerning safety of our citizens for funding that is needed for the Police Department, and Parks and Recreation, instead of personal assistants.
- 5) **Mr. A. W. Davis**: concerning hiring an Economist, and the role of a City or County Manager to make sure the ambitions of the citizens match the reality of what Council faces. Zero-based budgeting is needed.
- 6) **Mr. Christopher Hayes**: concerning Welcome All Park and any cuts regarding Parks & Recreation that are integral to giving our youth an outlet, along with the ridiculous (poor) condition of them (fields).
- 7) **Ms. Brenda Moore**: concerning the Budget and her opposition to the Council Aides, opposing cuts to the Police Department, supporting an increase to salaries for Police officers, and opposing high salaries for employees because we cannot compete with Fulton County's salary levels in order to be fiscally responsible.
- 8) **Ms. Jewel Johnson**: concerning the Budget and moving money around for safety and Parks & Recreation, and supporting the Budget as it stands right now
- 9) **Ms. Courtney Hendricks**: concerning budget cuts to the Police Department due to the crime element within the community, car

break-ins, etc., and concerning the slides put-up on the screen which suggest that \$1 million was cut from Police to hire personal assistants.

- 10) Ms. Juliette Rankins: concerning Council's arguing and fighting which we loves because the majority supports her interests, supporting the voting holiday because education is needed, opposing high salaries of City employees, encouraging everyone to get money for the Communications director and a professional company to name our City, branding and our seal, supporting Council to fight Fulton County for our money, and educating the citizens about what they are doing.
- 11) Ms. Pamela Harvey: concerning economic development, opposing the Council Aides which she recommends retirees or interns instead as we start out, and not paying-off campaign people to work as Council Aides.
- 12) Ms. Akilah Harper: concerning the terrible fields at Sandtown with no striping and lights, and opposing expenditures for Council Aides to take from Parks & Recreation.
- 13) Ms. Kimberly King: concerning the use of the Budget for personal assistants and moving money from revenue-generating departments for these purposes, opposing efforts to take away from economic development opportunities, opposing the chief judge candidate who represented a racist dry cleaning owner, and considering Recall options.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, Mayor Edwards thanked everyone for their comments. He then asked the Interim City Manager to clarify some of the incorrect statements that were made regarding the Budget. The Mayor then gave each Councilmember the opportunity to give comments on the Budget generally.

Hearing no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:02pm.